



ABILENE REFLECTOR.

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The Next Congress.

From the personnel of the Senate will disappear Abram P. Williams, the seven months' Republican legislative choice from California, who has been succeeded by his three months' Democratic appointed predecessor, George Hearst, who filled the vacancy occasioned by the death of Senator Miller. The amorous Jones, of Florida, who has been having a one-sided court of his own in Michigan for the past year, will no longer display the astuteness of his knowledge of constitutional law. Chas. B. Farwell will finish out the term of the lamented Logan. The grandson of William Henry Harrison has been crowded out by Turpie in Indiana, who will give the committee on privileges and elections something to do in his efforts to establish his right to his seat. Francis R. Stockbridge, a Badger millionaire, will ornament the seat of the rugged Conger. S. J. R. McMillan, of Minnesota, has a successor in Cushman K. Davis, whose wife, said to be the most beautiful woman in the United States, will enthuse Washington society even if Cushman K. D. does not increase the luminosity of the Senate. The piccolo-voiced Van Wyck will no more disturb the repose of the Senate with his shrill-toned fulminations against corporations. Algernon S. Paddock, a resuscitated remnant of the stalwart age of the Senate, comes back to do the honors of Nebraska. The too much loved Fair has dropped out, and the handsome blonde, William M. Stewart, another relic of the palmy days of Republican power, steps in to shine for the Bonanza state. Blodgett, the fusion outgrowth of the squabbles in the New Jersey legislature, supplants the urbane and courtly Sewell. The elegant half-breed, Miller, goes back to his pulp with his tomahawk whetted for the scalps of his former friends when Hiseock comes to deliver the New York delegation for Blaine. The quiet career of Mitchell will have a more active successor in Quay, the master of the art of politics. Bate beats Whitthorne. Reagan now takes his quadrennial bath in the luxurious marbles of the Senate, and the attenuated Maxey returns to the land of nothings. The diminutive Mahone has ended his destructive career and Daniel, the blarney silver-tongued orator of the Old Dominion, will spout for the next six years. Camden, thirsting for renewed senatorial honors, having seen the bottom drop out of the legislature, leaving him alone in solitary glory without the toga, beholds Daniel B. Lucas walk in by the back door of a gubernatorial appointment.

The dramatic personae of the centennial Congress under the constitution will show a marked change in numbers and characters. Of the membership of the expired Congress 196 have been re-elected, therefore substituting new men for 196 constituencies. From a majority of the right summing up forty-three the numbers have fallen to but thirteen over all in the new Congress, the minority figuring 152 Republicans and four Independents. Of the re-elected members 100 are Democrats and ninety-six are Republicans. The left, or Republicans, have increased in numbers from 141 to 152, and the Democrats from 184 have fallen to 169. Four Independents stand between these numbers.—Philadelphia Times.

The New Drug Law.

The new drug law has passed both houses of the Kansas legislature and will become a law in a day or so. Senator Sol. Miller, who, by the way, is editor of the Kansas Chief, in speaking of this law in his paper this week says: "If we were going to advise honest druggists, who are trying to do a legitimate business, our advice would be not to take any permit to sell liquors, and not keep any to sell. Under the new law, an honest druggist has to humiliate himself, and to cringe and beg like one seeking a pardon from the penitentiary. He must be a registered pharmacist, and if he has any clerks they must also be registered pharmacists, or they cannot sell liquor, while they might sell anything else in the store. He must present a petition signed by at least twenty-five male householders and twenty-five reputable women over twenty-one years of age. The men need not be reputable, but the women must be. He must go around soliciting women to sign his petition to sell liquor, and must ask only reputable women; and after he has them, the probate judge can pass on their respectability. These petitioners must certify that he is a registered pharmacist of good reputation, not in the habit

of using liquor, and that his store contains goods of a certain value, exclusive of liquors. If the petitioners sign a petition containing false statements, they are liable to punishment, as is the probate judge if he makes a mistake. Every man wanting liquor for any purpose permitted by law, must swear as to what purpose it is wanted for, and for whom. The druggist must administer the oath in full view of the front door. Any person wanting liquor must identify himself, or die for the want of it, as the druggist forfeits his permit by selling to him. A small number of persons having a spite against a druggist may enter complaint against him before the probate judge, who shall drag him up to answer the charge, and perhaps revoke his permit, if he thinks best. The druggist may appeal to the district court, but his permit is void until the court renders its decision. Or, some malicious sneak may go before the grand jury and have the druggist indicted, and he is put to the expense of defending himself. The county attorney may appear before the probate judge, and resist a petition, using all the means he is entitled to in prosecuting a criminal. So that the druggist, the petitioners, the probate judge, and those to whom he sells, are in danger of being prosecuted at any time, to be imprisoned, to be deprived of their offices, and to have their property confiscated. They are regarded as criminals, and a burden of proof is thrown upon them to prove their innocence.

No More Taffy.

It might just as well as not be understood first as last: The railroad men in this country are not going to get any more free puffs in the newspapers after the interstate commerce bill goes into effect. As soon as the free pass system dies, the custom of referring to "Colonel" the general passenger agent of the—and—railway, "a talented, cultured, genial and popular official," will fall into disrepute. There will be no genial—no, nor any talented—gentlemen in the railroad business unless they pay for their geniality and culture at regular advertising rates. Nor will there be any colonels in the railroad business on and after March 31—at least, as far as we are concerned; every man now enjoying the title of colonel by virtue of his ability to issue a free pass, will be degraded to the ranks of a plain mister as soon as this interstate commerce bill becomes a living, breathing, desolating thing. The grinding monopolists shall be brought down to the business level of the average meek and lowly patrons who stand around our doors waiting to get into line for their turn at the advertising window. When they seek personal notices in the papers they will have to pay for them, and when we in turn find it necessary to patronize the railroads we will walk.—Chicago News.

Labor is Capital.

The laboring man's muscle and skill are his capital. An accumulation of money in bulk is called capital, but it is only the result of labor, and it is labor that puts the wild land into a state of till and then sows and reaps to bread the world. It is labor that plows the mighty ocean with ships of commerce. It is labor that builds railroads, levels the hills, mines the ore, lead, silver and gold. It is labor that gets bread for all the millions. Labor is honored and is honorable. We hear people talk about the laboring classes as if people could be classified in this country. We are all laborers. We work to-day to get rich to-morrow, next day die and our children spend the result of our labors, and so the wheel of fortune is ever turning. No man can say he has capital unless he knows how to labor and to use labor. Let us care for our capital. We may learn to get the greatest good, the largest interest by patience and perseverance. We need not be confined to a single line of production. All labor is versatile. It can adapt itself to all conditions of life, so that a yielding capital will be always at hand. We can only despoil our capital by refusing to use it. Idleness is ruinous to all capital whether in direct labor or the accumulations of labor.—Exchange.

Frankie Morris Again.

J. R. Burton, of Abilene, Thomas Fenlon, of Leavenworth, and W. P. Hackney, of Winfield, the counsel for Frankie Morris in her famous insurance cases, met at the Copeland last evening for the purpose of apportioning the money due them as fees in the case. The judgment in favor of the plaintiff was for something over \$17,000, of which \$12,000 went to the attorneys.—Commonwealth.

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